

AMENDMENTSIn the Claims

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. ~~An absorbent material comprising:~~
- ~~(a) absorbent gelling particles comprising a water-insoluble absorbent hydrogel forming polymer;~~
  - ~~(b) a polycationic polymer;~~
  - ~~(c) from about 1 % to about 10% of glue microfibers selected from the group consisting of:~~
    - ~~i) tackifier modified polymers,~~
    - ~~ii) pressure sensitive adhesives, and~~
    - ~~iii) mixtures thereof;~~
  - ~~(d) a carrier layer;~~
- ~~wherein the polycationic polymer is bonded to the absorbent gelling particles;~~  
~~and wherein the absorbent gelling particles, deposited onto the carrier layer,~~  
~~are fixed to the surface of the carrier layer by the glue microfibers in the dry~~  
~~state and wherein the glue microfibers are meltblown fibers.~~

Support for the amendments to claim 1 at page 6, lines 1-5. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claim by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."